(a) the number of industrial growth centres allotted to Karnataka and their locations thereof?

(b) whether the Government propose to set up any industrial growth centre in Belgaum also;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government also propose to set up industrial growth centre at block level in the backward areas of the State;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which the growth centres are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (f). Under the Growth Centre Scheme, Karnataka has been allotted three growth centre namely; Dharwad, Hassan and Raichur, Selection of sites for growth centres is done on the basis of proposals received from the State Governments. The State Government proposals did not include Belgaum. The project reports for the 3 growth centres of Karnataka have already been approved and a sum of Rs. 2 crores each has been released towards Central assistance.

There is no proposal to set up industrial growth centres at block level.

Small Scale Plastic Manufacturers Association

3645. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether various small scale plastic manufacturers associations have urged the Union Government for rationalising the prohibitive price of plastic raw materials and reduction in sales tax on them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b): Various plastics manufacturers associations have represented for rationalisation of prices of plastic raw materials.

(c) An exercise has already been done by restructuring custom & excise duties on various plastic materials and their intermediates in the budget proposals.

Modern Processed Food Plant In Karnataka

3646. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Liption India Limited is setting up a modern processed food plant in Dharwad in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether the Government have granted permission to set up this plant;

(c) the main features of the proposed plant; and

(d) the time by which this plant is likely to be set up and its annual production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). No such proposal from Liption India Limited for setting up of modern processed food plant in Dharwad has been received during 1988 to 1992 (upto 29.2.92). However, the above item is delicensed